

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING FINANCIAL TRANSACTION BIDDING AND REPORTING PROCESSES

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A system and method for electronically communicating investment plan  
information between money managers and issuers of investment contracts to  
facilitate plan inquiry and plan bidding processes. An import specification is defined,  
identifying database format characteristics of investment plan information stored in a  
first database. Data fields are mapped from the first database to data fields in a  
10 second database to create a data import map, where the data fields in the second  
database are predefined data fields. Investment plan information is imported into the  
predefined data fields of the second database according to the import specification  
and data import map. The resulting imported information is transferred to a central  
database accessible by investment contract sellers who are authorized by the  
15 investment contract buyers to receive the investment plan information. The  
investment plan information is transferred from the central database to the  
authorized investment contract sellers upon request of the authorized investment  
contract sellers. A proposed investment contract may then be created using the  
investment plan information received via the central database.